

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

February 16, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We are commanded to pray for kings and emperors and those in authority by the apostles. So, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that they might govern under Jesus reign and by Jesus means and to Jesus purposes, to the blessing of the people they are called to serve. We pray for the nations of the world: for an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine, for those living under tyranny, those unjustly persecuted and imprisoned, for a restraint of sin – especially in the powerful of this world. We pray for our nation. For the president, the congress, the senate, our judiciary; those who write laws, adjudicate laws, and enforce our laws. We pray for members of the military and their families. May God provide justice and righteousness in his world through the governments he appoints, to his glory and to our good.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll-free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

Groundwork - God's Design for Sex and Relationships - Song of Songs offers us a vision of relationships that is in stark contrast to the self-serving models we see around us in culture. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Song of Songs 3-8 to learn about God's design for sex and love, which is filled with self-sacrifice, mutuality, commitment, delight, love, and respect and is deeply rooted in his own character. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

Unity Christian Spiritual Renewal Week - February 17-21. Unity has the privilege of welcoming Joshua Hayden, the lead pastor at Living Rock Church in Luverne, MN. We are also welcoming back Happy the Dog Ministries to lead the music portion. Chapels will be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 9:45 AM in the Knight Center.

Love INC Sioux County has a Home Essentials Resource that is open to the community the first Monday of every month. This resource provides paper products, baby products, and cleaning and hygiene supplies. The resource is located at Calvin CRC in Rock Valley. Currently, we are low on some specific products and are asking local churches and individuals to support this ministry by donating supplies that will help restock the shelves. Items needed are: bleach, toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, napkins, window cleaner, dish soap, hand soap, body wash and lotion. Items can be dropped off at the Love INC office (1317 Main Street, Rock Valley) or contact our office for pick up (476-5990).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. The music department from Unity Christian High School will present "Knights on Broadway," a pops concert featuring hits from a variety of beloved Broadway musicals. All music groups will perform in the Knight Center. A free-will donation will be received.

Wednesday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Lesson 6 – John 15:1-27

Thursday, February 20

5:00 p.m. PLIA is hosting a Pizza Ranch Community Impact Night from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center! PLIA is a student-run club from Dordt that partners with organizations nationwide to provide a short-term service trip opportunity on spring break where students can use their God-given gifts to serve alongside others and learn what it means to live out their faith. We would love your support!

Saturday, February 22

1:00 p.m. Dordt University junior Julia Veldman will give a piano recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University. Repertoire will include pieces by Bach, Ravel and Mendelssohn. Veldman of Rock Valley, Iowa is majoring in Piano Performance. She is currently studying piano with Dr. Patrice Ewoltdt.

3:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to the organ recital of Dordt University senior Abraham Hall. This free recital will be held the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Organ repertoire will include pieces by Franck, Bach and Tournemire. Hall of Machesney Park, IL is double majoring in Biology and Music. He is currently studying organ with Dr. Carrie Groenewold.

7:00 p.m. Join us for a relaxing evening of jazz as Dordt's 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band take the stage in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Music will include classic jazz ballads like "Tenderly," "My Funny Valentine," and "Feelings"; standards like "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"; and a medley of songs by George and Ira Gershwin. The Dordt music department also welcomes Mr. Stephen Allen, trumpet, to the stage as a featured soloist with the 4th Avenue Band; this performance will be the culmination of Mr. Allen's artist residency here on Dordt's campus. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Advanced Notices:

Guiding Star Siouland's Annual Fundraising Gala will be held March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Join your local pro-life ministry as we unveil a groundbreaking announcement that we believe, after years of development, will reshape the future of women's healthcare—creating a culture where womanhood is celebrated and supported at every stage of life. Panelists include Abby Dahl, who chose life at 17 years old, and Sarah Hurm, who underwent a successful abortion pill reversal treatment. Registration information can be found at www.guidingstarsiouland.org or by calling 712-266-3282.

If you are interested in learning more about hearing from God and cooperating with the Holy Spirit, consider attending Dunamis Project #2: In the Spirit's Power, which will be held March 20-23 in Milford, IA. This conference covers a scriptural view of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Participants study the nature of the Spirit's power, pray for the infilling with the Holy Spirit, and learn how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. To learn more and register, visit www.prmi.org/dpmilford.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: office@firstercoc.org